

Rail Shipments

Rail Waybill Data, 1988-1992

Abstract

This database contains public-use, aggregate, non-confidential rail shipment data such as origin and destination points, type of commodity, number of cars, tons, revenue, length of haul, participating railroads, and interchange locations. The data are based on the Carload Waybill Sample, which is a proprietary sample of freight waybills that were submitted to the Interstate Commerce Commission (now the Surface Transportation Board) by Class I Railroads.

Source of Data

Class I Railroads.

Attributes

Geographic Coverage of Data: U.S. Class I Railroads
Time Span of Data Source: 1988-1992
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Sponsoring Organization

U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Availability

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Rail Shipments From and To Virginia, 1994 *

Originated within Virginia: major commodities shipped by rail, ranked by weight

Commodity	Tonnage	Percent of state total
Coal	31,833,355	66
Nonmetallic minerals	5,335,416	11
Glass and stone	1,774,956	4
Pulp and paper	1,420,120	3
Lumber or wood products	1,254,348	3

Terminated within Virginia: major commodities shipped by rail, ranked by weight

Commodity	Tonnage	Percent of state total
Coal	28,614,186	57
Nonmetallic minerals	5,165,995	10
Chemicals	2,600,359	5
Farm products	2,274,289	5
Lumber or wood products	1,843,240	4

*The five largest (by tonnage terminated and originated) of the 36 two-digit Standard Transportation Commodity Code groupings, and the percentage that commodity represents of all tonnage handled within the state.

SOURCE: Rail Waybill Data, compiled by the DOT Surface Transportation Board (formerly part of the Interstate Commerce Commission) and the DOT Federal Railroad Administration (Washington, DC: 1996).